



Organization for the Assabet River

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to introduce Forsyth Kineon, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Organization for the Assabet River. She started this week.

Forsyth brings to OAR broad experience in science, policy, and management that seems perfectly tailored to match our science-based advocacy. She was formerly Director of the Delaware Estuary Program, a federal/state/private/non-profit partnership working to restore water quality, habitat, and marine resources in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She also spent eight years working on coastal management, non-point source pollution, and habitat restoration for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Additionally, she has experience in conflict resolution and mediation.

Forsyth's leadership style includes identifying common goals and developing consensus around shared interests. She is results-oriented and was drawn to OAR because she would like to make a difference in protecting resources at the local level. OAR is looking forward to a new era with Forsyth at this, our 20th anniversary year, as we celebrate our past successes including a cleaner river, increased citizen stewardship, and environmental education. Forsyth will have the opportunity to set new goals, while continuing our current programs such as volunteer water quality monitoring and advocacy. We feel her skills will stand her in good stead as we work to achieve a broad constituency for restoring the Assabet and protecting its tributaries.

Forsyth is an avid kayaker but, because she is a relative newcomer to Massachusetts—although not New England—she is only now learning about the Assabet. I am looking forward to sharing some of my favorite places with her as she falls in love with our beautiful river and I hope that you will find the opportunity to do the same.

There are two scheduled opportunities for you to meet Forsyth in October:

- **Sunday, October 1** from 1:00 to 3:00 at Wood Park on the Assabet in Hudson is our **20th anniversary celebration and family fun festival**. Come celebrate with us: hear the New Orleans Jazz band, try paddling a kayak on the river, and enjoy activities for children.
- **Tuesday, October 24** at 7:30 p.m. at Maynard Rod and Gun Club at OAR's **Annual Meeting**. Talented photographer Dave Griffin will show some of the pictures of the Assabet he has taken over the years.

I hope to see you at one or both events, and I hope you will enjoy getting to know Forsyth as much as I am.

Best wishes,

Betsy Stokey
President, Board of Directors